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KNIGHTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1949

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1949.

Population. The population of the Urban District, as estimated by the Registrar-General, at 30th June, 1949, was 1881.

Housing. (a) Overcrowding. There are few cases of serious overcrowding and these can only be remedied by the provision of new houses.

(b) General. Ten new Airey houses were completed and became occupied during the year on a site at Frydd Road and the erection of 10 traditional-type houses was commenced at the Ludlow Road site.

Transport. Train and bus services provide adequate and convenient means of transport to all parts.

Schools. The County Secondary Modern School in Ludlow Road is of comparatively recent erection and of good standard but the Primary School in West Street is an old structure which does not meet modern requirements.

Comotory. There have been no developments under this head.

National Health Service.

(a) Nursing. There are now two Nurses resident in the town.

(b) Hospitals. Work is being done at Knighton Hospital to provide better accommodation and facilities.

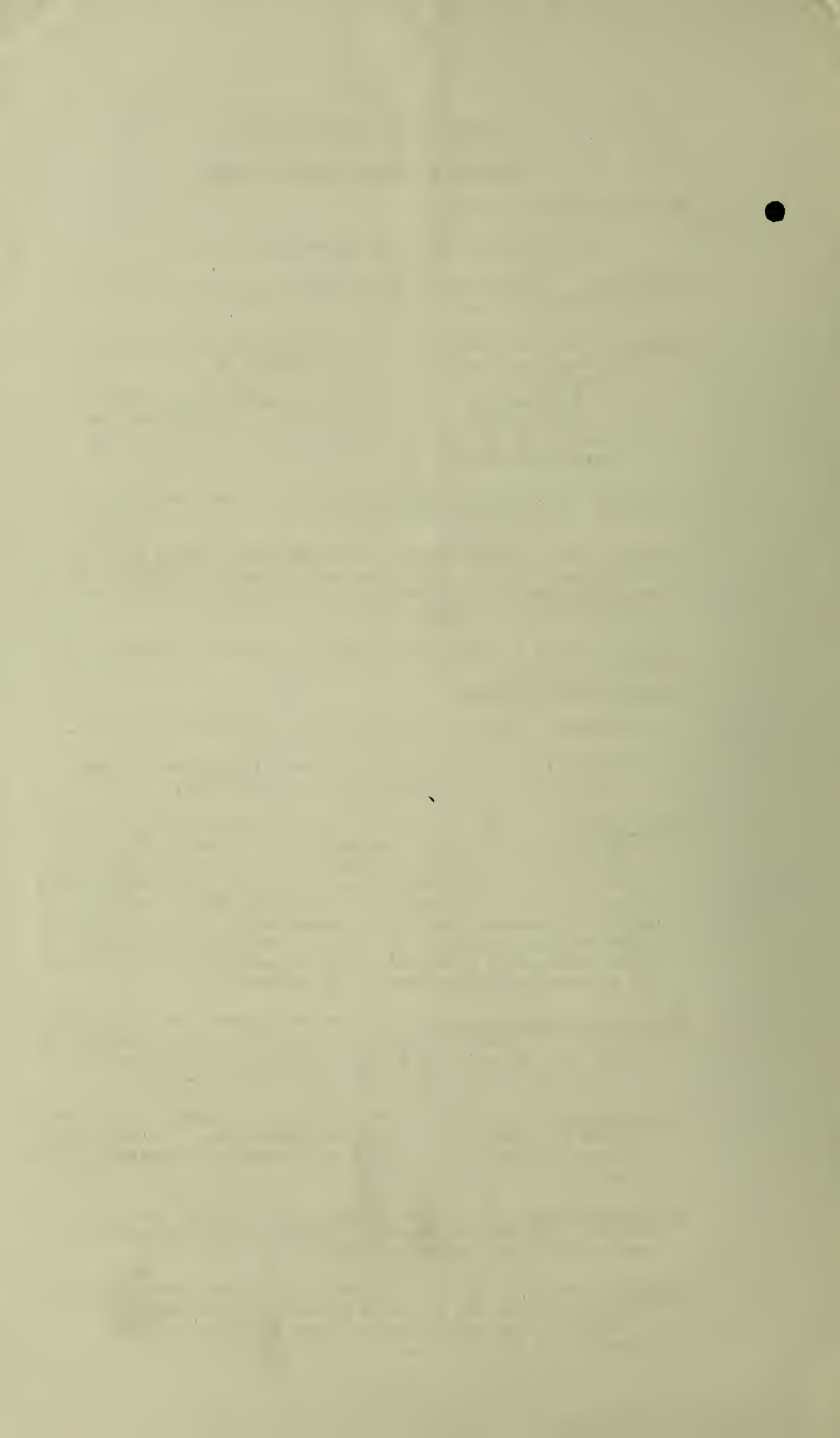
Water Supply. The piped water supplies are satisfactory, both as to quantity and quality. Frequent analyses show intermittent contamination at the Cwm Ifor source but that chlorination is effective. The Town main has been extended to the Ludlow Road housing estate and the supply to the estate from Birmingham Corporation Aqueduct has been discontinued. The waters are not liable to have plumbo-solvent action. Dwellinghouses supplied direct from public mains (a) direct to houses-549 (1756 persons) (b) by means of stand-pipes - 8 (23 persons).

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal. The sewerage system and purification plant have continued to function satisfactorily and a deposit of silt in the main sewer in Station Road has been removed. A length of 12" sewer in Bridge Street has been re-laid.

Refuse Disposal. The regular collection and disposal by incineration of house and trade refuse deserves commendation. A more strict insistence on the use of covered and impervious receptacles should be considered.

Livestock Market. The new Livestock Market came into use in October, 1949, and the improved facilities will, undoubtedly, enhance the importance of the Market.

Car Park. The provision of a Car Park, by the appropriation and conversion of the old Livestock Market, will provide facilities of which the town was in need and tend to reduce traffic congestion in the streets.



Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector. Mr. Henry Jones, M.I. Mun.E. and M.R.San.I., was appointed Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, in succession to Mr. E.J. Morgans, B.Sc., A.R.San.I., who resigned on appointment to a similar post at Bridgnorth. Mr. Jones took up his duties on 1st January, 1950.

Infectious Diseases. There were no cases of infectious diseases reported.

Tuberculosis. There were two notifications of tuberculosis; one of these cases has left the district and is not returning. There were no deaths from tuberculosis.

Births. 12 live births were reported - 4 male and 8 female.

Deaths. There were 26 deaths (9 male; 17 female) excluding 18 persons who died at the Knighton Hospital who were not normally resident in the area.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

(a) Milk Supply: Cowsheds and Dairies are frequently inspected and are generally satisfactory.

(b) Meat and Other Foods: Regular inspections are made of slaughterhouses, shops, stalls and vehicles and places where food is prepared and offered for sale and no special action has been found necessary.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle (See Note)	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	106	27	3,710	14
Number inspected before slaughter		NOT KNOWN		
Number inspected after slaughter	106	27	3,710	14
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	5	2	34	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	32	-	96	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	35%	7%	4%	14%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>				
Whole carcases condemned	1	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1%	-	-	-

NOTE: The records do not differentiate between cows and other cattle.

(c) Food Poisoning: There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) J.S.I. CHESSHIRE,

6th October, 1950.

